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## **COMMANDING OFFICER'S ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT**

Environmental stewardship is an integral part of our mission and our 5-star commitment to preserving the natural resources we are entrusted with. Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL) will endeavor to provide the resources and requirements necessary to ensure all personnel carryout their daily duties in accordance with the environmental responsibilities outlined in applicable federal, state, local laws and regulation, including Department of Defense policies.

**RECYCLING.** We will strive to minimize pollution and reduce post-consumer waste. We should preferentially select products made from recycled materials and cultivate a robust practice of reducing, reusing, and recycling materials at all times.

**ENERGY CONSERVATION.** NBPL and all of its tenant commands and organizations will establish a culture of energy conservation. NBPL requires energy to meet our mission requirements; however, I expect this energy consumption to be smart and efficient. We will sustain comfortable work environments without excessive energy consumption and foster a behavior of conservation when office spaces are unoccupied.

These efforts will include adjusting thermostats to upper or lower boundaries for cooling and heating systems, respectively, when offices are unoccupied. Shutting off lights and electronic/electrical systems that are not required for mission accomplishment after work hours are further examples of how everyone can make a difference throughout the installation.

While the behavioral efforts identified in the preceding paragraph play a key role in energy conservation, correcting material deficiencies, insulating building energy leaks, and replacing inefficient systems with modern and efficient technology are also critical elements of an intergraded strategy.

I require all building managers to work directly with their facility management specialists to keep out facilities in top-notch condition and to aggressively resolve material issues with a 'fix it now" mentality.

**WATER CONSERVATION.** Water supplies in the Southwest United States are cyclically stressed based on long-term weather patterns. NBPL will follow the water usage guidelines and restrictions established by the City of San Diego and adjust water consumption as necessary to remain aligned with City goals. NBPL will strive to develop enduring water usage practices that smartly and efficiently use this valuable natural resource without degrading quality of life or mission accomplishment.

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The primary source of water wastage stems from leaks in potable water lines and irrigation lines. NBPL will proactively identify water leaks and fix them immediately. It is imperative that all tenant commands identify and participate in fixing water leaks, broken sprinkler heads, running toilets, and all other forms of water wastage.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL (HAZMAT).** Maintaining proper control of HAZMAT is an absolute requirement without waiver. While NBPL is predominantly surrounded by water and sensitive environmental areas, loss of control of HAZMAT anywhere aboard NBPL is a serious issue that needs to be immediately reported and corrected.

NBPL and its tenant commands and organizations will leverage new materials and products to replace HAZMAT in a manner that satisfies mission objectives and doesn't compromise established sanitation or cleanliness standards.

At no time will fresh water be utilized for washing down hard surface areas, such as buildings, patios and sidewalks, except to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards. If you have a safety or sanitation hazard situation, contact the NBPL Environmental office for further assistance. Much like energy conservation, millions of gallons of water per year can be conserved through behavioral changes in water consumption and upgrading older, inefficient systems with modern and efficient technologies. When resources and opportunities present themselves, NBPL will enhance water delivery systems where it makes sense to do so.

The best way to prevent loss of control of HAZMAT is to avoid generating HAZMAT waste and to seek out processes that will minimize the generation of HAZMAT waste.

NBPL is at the forefront of environmental compliance and a leader in the San Diego community. We will continue to demonstrate that we are responsible neighbors and model representatives of the Navy as we strive for continuous improvement in our environmental programs. For further information regarding what you can do in support of environmental requirements, contact the NBPL Environmental Office located at Building 140 at [NAVFAC SW NBPL ENV@navy.mil](mailto:NAVFAC_SW_NBPL_ENV@navy.mil).



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